



Frequently Asked Questions Elementary Special Education Online/Weekend Track

Do I have to complete the core classes before I can apply to the online/weekend track?

No, but you must complete your core in order to be admitted to the program. The admission guidelines are also noted on the Department of Teacher Education and Social Work's website at [Admission Guidelines](#)

How do I apply to the program?

For your convenience, you can access the application packet forms at [Application Packet](#) or you may pick up an application at the Department of Teacher Education and Social Work office, located on the 3rd floor of The Education Building.

How long will it take to complete the program?

Our affordable, quality, time-efficient program takes 2 years (after completion of core) to complete.

Is the program full-time?

Yes, the Online/Weekend Track is a full-time program. Candidates will attend classes online and face-to-face one weekend per month.

How will I fulfill the field requirements?

If you are a paraprofessional, you may fulfill field requirements in your school/district of employment, with the agreement of your principal. If you are not a paraprofessional, you will commit to being in a school setting, for no more than two days per week, to complete field requirements.

How will I complete clinical experience (student teaching)?

If you are a paraprofessional in a P-5 school setting, you may fulfill clinical experience in your school of employment, with the agreement of your principal. If you are not a paraprofessional, you will be required to complete a fulltime, daytime experience in a school setting, during your final semester of clinical enrollment.

Will I have to choose the school and make arrangements with the teacher?

No. Our field coordinator will take care of making all arrangements for your field/clinical placements.

It has been a long time since I attended college. Will supports such as the ones available to full time students be available?

Absolutely! You will have a faculty mentor and field supervisor to help guide you through the program.

I have not taken online or hybrid classes before, will I have someone to assist me throughout the process?

Yes, an Online Academic Program Coordinator will facilitate an online/hybrid orientation at the beginning of each semester for all Online/Weekend Candidates.